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SUBJ: FEBRUARY 13 FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING: EURO/ARAB
DIALOGUE

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1. NOEL DORR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COUNSELOR JOHN CAMPBELL BRIEFED CHARGE AND EMBOFF FEB 14 ON FEB 13 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING. THIS TELEGRAM COVERS EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE, OTHER TOPICS BEING COVERED SEPTELS.

2. DORR OPENED HIS BRIEFING WITH STATEMENT THAT FITZ-GERALD'S DENIAL (DUBLIN 304) THAT MINISTERS HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE WAS LITERALLY TRUE. MINISTERS HAD BEFORE THEM GUIDELINES FOR AN APPROACH TO ARAB LEAGUE BY EC PRESIDENCY, AND THESE GUIDELINES (SEE TEXT IN PARA 5 BELOW) WOULD BE FOLLOWED IF DECISION IS FORMALLY TAKEN BY THE EC TO PROCEED WITH EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE ON BASIS OF DENATIONALIZED EXPERTS FORMULA. DORR SAID THAT THE GUIDELINES WOULD APPLY ONLY TO A PREPARATORY MEETING BETWEEN ARABS AND EC, AND SOME MINISTERS HAD INSISTED THAT THE PREPARATORY MEETING BE REGARDED AS SEPARATE FROM EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE PROPER. DORR EMPHASIZED THAT MINISTERS HAD NOT IN FACT MADE FINAL DECISION TO PROCEED ON THIS BASIS. FOR ONE THING, DUE TO POLITICAL SITUATION IN COPENHAGEN, DANES WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT FONMIN LEVEL IN MEETING AND NINE COULD NOT PROCEED ON THIS MATTER WITHOUT UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, MINISTERS WANTED TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CURRENT VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS HIS VISIT TO CERTAIN EUROPEAN CAPITALS. DORR SAID DECISION ON HOW TO PROCEED WOULD PROBABLY BE TAKEN WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

3. ELABORATING ON DISCUSSION OF EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE, DORR SAID THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF PLO PARTICIPATION AS SUCH. MINISTERS WERE TRYING TO FIND WAY AROUND THE ISSUE AND MUCH CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO FINDING A FORMULA WHEREIN EXPERTS COULD MEET WITHOUT REFERENCE TO NATIONALITY. MINISTERS AFFIRMED THAT PRESENCE OF PALESTINIAN EXPERTS
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IN AN ARAB DELEGATION MEETING WITH EC DELEGATION WOULD NOT IMPLY ANY ACCEPTANCE BY NINE OF CLAIMS BY PLO REGARDING THEIR OWN STATUS. IF ARABS WERE TO PUBLICIZE A PALESTINIAN PRESENCE, EC WOULD ALSO EXPLAIN ITS POSITION TO THE PRESS. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY, HOWEVER, DORR SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO LIMITATION ON SIZE OF DELEGATIONS, AND PALESTINIANS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY HAVE SOMEONE ON ARAB DELEGATION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO OUR SPECIFIC QUERY, DORR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF DENATIONALIZED EXPERTS FORMULA WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ARABS. HE SAID THAT EC'S PLANS WITH REGARD TO EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE ARE STILL IN STAGE OF "EMERGING CONSENSUS", AND WHILE THERE WERE NO MAJOR RESERVATIONS AMONG THE NINE OVER DENATIONALIZED EXPERTS FORMULA, THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN. HE BELIEVED THAT, AS THE CONSENSUS IS EMERGING, THIS WAS THE TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US. HE NOTED AGAIN THAT ONE OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO APPROACH TO ARABS (AND NO FORMAL DECISION TO MAKE AN APPROACH) UNTIL AFTER THE SECRETARY HAD VISITED SEVERAL EUROPEAN CAPITALS. DORR SAID THAT NO SPECIAL MECHANISM HAD BEEN SET UP FOR TAKING THE FINAL DECISION BUT HE THOUGHT IT COULD BE DONE AT THE EARLY MARCH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING.

5. DORR GAVE US SUCH A CAREFUL READING OF THE PROPOSED GUIDELINES THAT WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A NEAR-VERBATIM TEXT. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT WE STRICTLY PROTECT. BEGIN TEXT:

GUIDELINES FOR A DEMARCHE BY THE PRESIDENCY TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE

1. THE NINE ARE WILLING TO MAKE A FORMAL PROPOSAL AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AS A FIRST STEP ARAB AND EUROPEAN EXPERTS SHOULD MEET IN CAIRO AT AN EARLY DATE TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RELATING TO COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL SECTORS.

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KB) THE MEETING WOULD BE MADE UP OF ONE SINGLE ARAB AND ONE SINGLE EUROPEAN DELEGATION, EACH DELEGATION COMPRISING EXPERTS SITTING AS SUCH AND NOT IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY.

2. THIS PROPOSAL IMPLIES THAT:

(A) THE PRESENCE OF PALESTINIAN EXPERTS IN THE ARAB DELEGATION DOES NOT IMPLY ANY ACCEPTANCE BY THE NINE OF CLAIMS BY THE PLO REGARDING THEIR OWN STATUS. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO AVOID ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF PALESTINIAN EXPERTS. IN THE EVENT OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT BEING MADE, THE NINE WOULD ALSO FIND IT NECESSARY TO STATE THEIR POSITION PUBLICLY.

(B) GROUPS WOULD BE SET UP WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF PRACTICAL COOPERATION TO THE COMPLETE EXCLUSION OF POLITICAL MATTERS.

3. THIS PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE ARAB SIDE.

NOTE: THE ABOVE DEMARCHE WOULD BE MADE AFTER THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO SOME EUROPEAN CAPITALS. IN MAKING THE DEMARCHE, IT WOULD BE EXPLAINED TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ARAB LEAGUE AND TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT:

(A) THE MEETING OF ARAB AND EUROPEAN EXPERTS WOULD DECIDE QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE ORGANISATION OF THE WORK, INCLUDING THE SETTING UP OF SUBGROUPS IN AREAS SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, INFRASTRUCTURE, FINANCIAL COOPERATION, AND TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION.

(B) THE PROPOSAL IS MADE AS A FIRST STEP AND IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY ALREADY ENVISAGED FOR THE DIALOGUE. END TEXT.

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